

# **Task Force on the Prevention of Sexual Abuse of Children**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**July 24, 2014**

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**\*\*\*APPROVED\*\*\***

### **Members Present:**

Sgt. Mark Boody  
Denise Busley  
Dr. Johanna Buzolits  
Deborah Carley  
Kristen Clark  
Thomas Cottrell  
Jerry Dorsey, IV  
Pamela Fitzgerald  
Kathy Hagenian  
Dr. Angie Kennedy  
Thomas Knapp  
Mary Lovik  
Hon. Cheryl Matthews  
Phyllis Van Order  
Dorie Vasquez-Nolan  
Carol Hackett Garagiola, Chair

### **Members absent:**

None

### **Task Force Staff Present:**

LaShawn Thurman

### **DHS Staff Present:**

Kelcy McArthur  
Danielle Marek

### **Guests:**

Hon. Maura Corrigan, Director - Michigan Department of Human Services  
Nancy Short, Deputy Manager of Appointments - Executive Office of Governor Snyder  
Carolyn Hardin, Executive Assistant - Office of Governor Snyder, Appointments Division

## **Welcome and Introductions**

Chair C. Hackett Garagiola convened the first meeting of the Task Force on the Prevention of Sexual Abuse of Children, at the Ottawa Building Conference Room #5, on July 24, 2014 at 9:00 am, welcoming members and thanking them for their participation in the work of the Task Force.

Nancy Short congratulated members on their appointments and thanked members for their service.

DHS Director Maura Corrigan welcomed and thanked members for their service, described current DHS focus on safety initiatives, and charged members: to gather the very best information that exists about preventing child sexual abuse, to tell the truth about preventing child sexual abuse in Michigan, and to think about metrics and funding in the development of the Task Force report and recommendations.

Task Force members, and DHS staff, introduced themselves and provided a brief background about the experiences, perspectives and priorities they bring to the work of the Task Force in light of the responsibilities of the Task Force as described in 2012 PA 593.

## **Administrative Matters**

Chair C. Hackett Garagiola discussed the possible applicability of the Open Meetings Act to the Task Force, given the reference in 2012 PA 593 to MCL 380.1505, and advised members that the requirements of the Open Meetings Act would be followed for future meetings, and that no policy decisions would be made during the July 24, 2014 meeting.

Chair C. Hackett Garagiola advised members that unless HB 4493 was enacted, Task Force members' travel expenses could not be reimbursed.

## **Legislative Review**

Members began in-depth review and discussion of the requirements of 2012 PA 593.

## **Work Plan Development**

Members began considering and discussing possible approaches to accomplishing all of the responsibilities defined in 2012 PA 593 in light of the Task Force resource limitations, and the statutorily mandated one-year timeline for completing the work and submitting the final report and recommendations to the Governor and the legislature before June 16, 2015. Members began considering taking on leadership roles for aspects of the work that best fit their experiences, expertise, and access to resources.

## **Lunch**

Members participated in a lunch provided via private donation, using no public funds.

**Future Meeting Dates**

Given the work to be accomplished within the mandated timeframe, members agreed upon the following meeting schedule for 2014.

Monday, August 11, 2014	9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Tuesday, September 16, 2014	9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Tuesday, October 7, 2014	9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Thursday, November 6, 2014	9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Tuesday, December 9, 2014	9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Chair C. Hackett Garagiola advised members that no-cost meeting locations would be secured for these meetings dates, and members would be advised about the locations.

Members agreed to consider 2015 meeting dates during another meeting.

**Adjournment**

Chair C. Hackett Garagiola thanked members for their obvious dedication to the work of the Task Force, reflected in the thoughtful discussion that took place during the meeting, and members' commitment to the 2014 meeting schedule, and members' willingness to assume leadership roles in the work of the Task Force. The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Hackett Garagiola

